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Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed May 9, 2002. Since no additional claims have been added and since this response is being submitted within the shortened statutory period for response set by the Examiner, no additional fees are due for submission of the accompanying amendments. If, however, Applicants are mistaken and fees for the proposed amendments are required, please charge any such fees to Deposit Account 13-3723.